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EASLEY AIDE TO RETURN TO PRIVATE LAW PRACTICE

Gov. Mike Easley's Legal Counsel, Hampton Dellinger, will leave his position in June to the law practice of Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice. Dellinger will be a partner in the firm's Raleigh office.

"Hampton has served me, my administration, and the citizens of North Carolina with distinction, and I know he will do the same for his clients in private practice," Easley said. "I rely heavily on his advice, well beyond legal matters. He is very talented, both as a lawyer and an advocate, and I respect his judgment."

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